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HIGHER EDUCATION COOPERATION PLAN

The Higher Education Cooperation Plan was established by CIDA in September 1974 as the result of two years of consultations between senior officials of the Agency and the members of AUCC. The purpose of these discussions was to improve and, perhaps, to increase the involvement of Canadian Universities and Colleges in International Development.

The Plan does not involve the creation of any new channel of assistance. The requests will continue to be made through the existing bilateral, multilateral and non-governmental organizations, routes already established within CIDA. However, a CIDA Provisional Advisory Council on the Higher Education Cooperation Plan has been created to provide academic participation in the discussion, administration and assessment of requests for assistance to promote within the developing countries the expansion of research relating to major development problems.

1. Definition

The Plan is aimed at strengthening domestic research capabilities, institutions and facilities in developing countries.

Proposals must have the following main characteristics:

(a) they must be immediately relevant to the host country and must relate to its development priorities;

(b) they must have a clearly "applied" or "practical" research direction;

(c) where a Canadian institution is involved, the proposal must have the continuing support of the Canadian institution.

2. Priorities

To further research according to major development needs as perceived in the Third World and CIDA;

To support advanced research competence in LDC's;

To assist research institutions in developing countries to participate in the exchange of research information, methodology and results.

3. Policy Framework

The Plan will operate initially within the existing mandate of CIDA. CIDA's policies and procedures will, for this Plan, reflect the priorities outlined above; accordingly, proposals need not be constrained by a specific discipline or interdisciplinary orientation, and requests and the supporting rationale need relate only to the general priorities specified in the Guidelines.

Research developments supported under the Plan will often, but need not necessarily, involve the participation of Canadian researchers. The Plan is not intended to subsidize general or individual research by Canadians or Canadian institutions, although Canadian research will be enhanced by participation in the development of LDC research capability.

The Plan will operate in close collaboration with the International Development Research Centre (IDRC).

A positive response on the part of the Provisional Advisory Council does not necessarily assure acceptance on the part of CIDA. Final acceptance of any proposal rests with CIDA and the developing country concerned.

4. Submission Procedures

Route A from developing countries through CIDA.

Route B from Canadian Institutions:

(i) It presupposes that discussions have taken place between Canadians and colleagues in developing countries.

(ii) Projects must be actively supported by both institutions (in Canada and the developing country). Furthermore, the contribution of both institutions must be tangible and specific. It would normally consist of space and other overheads and of research time by senior researchers.

(iii) Canadian institutions should make application through the President of the institution.

(iv) Before submitting a formal and detailed proposal, the Provisional Advisory Council would welcome a preliminary description of the project. A preliminary inquiry might be made to CIDA, including the names of the institutions involved, a description of the proposal in general terms, a budget, a proposed schedule and an outline of facilities, financing and manpower available from the country in question. The proposal should also set forth the relationship between the project and the development priorities of the country.

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